IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for annotating messages for communication within an interconnected network of computers comprising:

establishing a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising a one or more messages for viewing;

inputting handwritten stroke information message objects into a message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message, said messaging service distributing said annotated message in said recording to other users.

2. (Previously Presented) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said message objects are IM objects; and said message is an IM record.

3. (Previously Presented) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1 further comprising copying a plurality of messages from other applications.

4. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said messaging service is of a peer-to-peer type.

5. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising forwarding said handwritten stroke information to at least one participant.

6. (Previously Presented) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said messaging service updates a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and

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handwritten stroke information annotation by, users of said messaging service, said method further comprising appending said handwritten stroke information onto an existing said record.

7. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said establishing said connection is initiated by a first of a plurality of said users of said messaging service.

8. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 7, further comprising:

providing a graphical user interface for said user; and said graphical user interface including a handwritten stroke input field.

9. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said graphical user interface comprises an awareness field.

10. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said graphical user interface comprises a text input field.

11. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising entering text into said text input field wherein said text is associated with said message objects for transmission to said messaging service.

12. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8 further comprising entering handwritten stroke information into said handwritten stroke input field wherein said

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handwritten stroke information is associated with said message objects for transmission to said messaging service.

13. (Previously Presented) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 8, further comprising logging and displaying a complete history of said messages in a recording field of said graphical user interface.

14. (Previously Presented) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 13, wherein any one of said messages contains at least one URL for providing location information of an associated said message objects in said recording.

15. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 14, wherein each of said plurality of users may navigate through said recording field to said associated said message objects by selecting said at least one URL whereby said associated said message objects are displayed to said user.

16. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 15, further comprising: annotating of said messages in said recording field by any of said plurality of users; and using said hyperlink for alerting said plurality of users of said annotation.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 16, wherein said annotating comprises:

a) navigating to a desired said message object of said recording;

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b) selecting the desired said message to be annotated; and

c) adding new handwritten stroke information message objects to said recording.

18. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising searching said record based on user selected criteria.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for annotating messages for communication within an interconnected network of computers, the computer readable program code in said computer program product comprising:

first computer readable program code for causing the computer to:

a) establish a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising one or more messages for viewing;

b) input handwritten stroke information message objects into a message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message,

c) distribute said annotated message in said recording to other users.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, wherein:

said message objects are IM objects; and,

said message is an IM record.

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21. (Previously Presented) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to copy a plurality of messages from other applications.

22. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to forward said handwritten stroke information to at least one participant.

23. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to append said handwritten stroke information onto an existing said record.

24. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 19, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to allow said establishing said connection to be initiated by a first of a plurality of users of said messaging service.

25. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 24, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to:

a) provide said user a graphical user interface;

b) include a handwritten stroke input field in said graphical user interface.

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26. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide an awareness field.

27. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide a text input field.

28. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 27, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to make text entered into said text input field a part of said message objects.

29. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to make handwritten stroke information entered into said handwritten stroke input field a part of said message objects.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 25, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide a recording field in said graphical user interface for logging and displaying a complete history of said messages.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 30, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to place in any

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one of said messages at least one URL for providing location information of an associated said message objects in said recording.

32. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 31, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide each of said plurality of users the capability to navigate through said recording field to said associated said message objects by clicking on said at least one URL whereby said associated said message objects are displayed to said each of said plurality of users.

33. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 32, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to:

provide the capability of annotation of said messages in said recording field by any of said plurality of users; and

alert said plurality of users of said annotation by said hyperlink.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 33, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide the following capabilities in said annotation:

a) navigation to a desired said message object of said recording;

b) selection of the desired said message to be annotated; and,

c) addition of new handwritten stroke information message objects to said recording.

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35. (Original) The computer program product for messaging as claimed in Claim 30, comprising computer readable program code for causing the computer to provide searching of said record based on user selected criteria.

36. (Previously Presented) A system for annotating messages for communication within an interconnected network of computers comprising:

a) means for establishing a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising one or more messages for viewing;

b) means for inputting handwritten stroke information message objects into a message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message; and

c) means for distributing said annotated message in said recording to other users.

37. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, wherein:

said message objects are IM objects; and

said message is an IM record.

38. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36 further comprising means for copying a plurality of messages from other applications.

39. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, wherein said messaging service updates a record of all said current messages for distribution to, and handwritten stroke information annotation by, users of said messaging service, said system further comprising means for forwarding said handwritten stroke information to at least one participant.

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40. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, further comprising means for appending said handwritten stroke information onto an existing said recording.

41. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 36, further comprising means for connecting, when initiated by a first of a plurality of users of said messaging service.

42. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 41, further comprising:
means for providing a graphical user interface to said user; and
means for including a handwritten stroke input field in said graphical user interface.

43. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for providing an awareness field.

44. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for inputting text.

45. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 44, comprising means for making said text a part of said message objects.

46. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for making handwritten stroke information a part of said message objects.

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47. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 42, comprising means for providing a recording field in said graphical user interface for login and displaying a complete history of said messages.

48. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 47, comprising means for providing location information of an associated said message objects of any one of said messages in said recording.

49. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 48, comprising means for providing for each of said plurality of users, quick navigation through said recording field to said associated said message objects, whereby said associated said message objects are displayed to said each of said plurality of users.

50. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 49, comprising:
means for annotating of said messages in said recording field by any of said plurality of users;
means for alerting said plurality of users of said annotation.

51. (Previously Presented) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 50, comprising:

means for navigating to a user desired said message object of said recording;

means for selecting the desired said message for annotation by said user; and

means for adding said new handwritten stroke information message objects to said recording.

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52. (Original) The system for messaging as claimed in Claim 47, comprising means for search of said record based on user selected search criteria.

53. (Previously Presented) A method for annotating messages for communication within an interconnected network of computers comprising:

establishing a connection to a messaging service adapted to provide users with a recording comprising one or more messages for viewing;

inputting information message objects into a message anywhere within the recording to thereby annotate said message, said messaging service distributing said annotated message in said recording to other users.

54. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 53, further comprising:

a. inputting said information message objects wherein said information comprises speech;

b. annotating said information message objects wherein said annotating comprises speech.

55. (Original) The method for messaging as claimed in Claim 53, further comprising:

a. inputting said information message objects wherein said information comprises gestures;

b. annotating said information message objects wherein said annotating comprises gestures.

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